



# DOC NewsLine

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## “Real Times”

### Newly Created Center

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Corrections Services, began preparations for Hurricane “Lili” when the storm took course into the southern most portion of the Gulf of Mexico. At 10:00 a.m., October 2, 2002, the newly created “*Incident Management Center*” at Corrections Service Headquarters was activated and both the Operation Emergency Preparedness Center and the Louisiana State Policy Emergency Operations Center desks were manned.

All Corrections Services units, divisions and facilities placed the appropriate personnel on an alert or stand by status in order to effectively respond to the expected request for assistance concerning the evacuation and housing of inmates from parish and local facilities, as well as to prepare for potential request for assistance in feeding person relocating to shelters. Additionally, preparations were taken to protect the resources of the Department’s numerous offices and facilities that were potentially within the storm’s probable path. These three areas represented the highest priority for the Department.

Requests for assistance in evacuating and housing inmates housed in local jail facilities began early on October 2, 2002. In the end, a total of 791 inmates from Calcasieu, Plaquemines and Saint Martin Parishes were evacuated and housed at Avoyelles Correctional Center, Elayn Hunt Correctional Center, Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women, Phelps Correctional Center and Washington Correctional Institute. Additional transportation resources from Dixon Correctional

Center and the Louisiana State Penitentiary were utilized for inmate evacuations. These inmates were housed for varying lengths of time until the parish facilities were able to reopen.

The second tier of priority was responding to requests for other types of assistance from local and parish government, as well as intra-departmental requests. Sandbagging crews and supplies were provided to Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Iberville and Washington Parishes, as well as the communities of Alexandria, Bogalusa, DeRidder, DeQuincy, Pineville, Saint Gabriel, Vinton and the Ponchartrain Levee Board. Debris removal assistance was provided to East Feliciana and Rapides Parishes, as well as the communities of Alexandria, Ball, Kinder, Oakdale, Oberline, Pineville and the Pinecrest State Hospital. Additionally, a 65 KW electrical generator was loaned to the town of Hessmer to restore power to that water supply. Intra-departmentally, Washington Correctional Institute crews assisted Bridge City Correctional for Youth with storm related damage and the Louisiana State Penitentiary loaned two 200 KW electrical generators to Avoyelles Correctional Center to assist with emergency power.

The Department received a scattering of light and relatively minor damage to some building and facilities. The most significant problem resulting from the storm was due to the wide spread power outages across the southern and central portions of the state.

The Department demonstrated again that it could quickly and effectively evacuate and house significant numbers of inmates and or youthful offenders in these types of situations. While the

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Department received no requests for providing mass feeding to the shelter, the resource and incident management efforts during the storm kept that potential need as a high priority.

The utilization of the newly created Incident Management Center, in combination with assigned personnel at the OEP and State Police command center, resulted in all Department units and facilities being informed of vital information on an immediate and "real time" basis. When the storm took a sudden turn towards the east this information was passed on nearly instantly. The information sharing process resulted in all sections of the Department being aware of the activities and needs of all the other sections as well as an accurate and clear picture of the overall situation.

The Department once again showed it can quickly and effectively respond to a variety of requests for assistance from local governments and communities. This ability not only serves the public well, but also allows the inmates to return something to the public and take pride in doing so.

## Going the Extra (100) Miles

Submitted by Judy Martin

A big pat on the back to Leslie Jewell, the Headquarters Business Office Accountant. Leslie recently bicycled 100 miles in the "Island Century Ride" in Palm Springs, Florida. The event benefited the *Leukemia and Lymphoma Society*. Leslie finished in 8 hours and 40 minutes, traversing bridges, railroad tracks, many curves and sandy roads to complete the ride.

The event raised over \$1 Million for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Participants numbered 325, representing 29 chapters of the Society, and nearly as many states.

Not only did Leslie commit to several months of training prior to the event, she also raised \$3,500 in pledges for the Society. This is a requirement for entry in the event. Contributions included individual pledges, ranging from \$1.00

upward, as well as contributions from the many corporations that Leslie contacted by letter.

Accolades to Leslie for her dedication and gift of time to the worthy cause to the *Leukemia and Lymphoma Society*.

By the way – the next event is in June, and if you like to make a pledge to the Society, Leslie is taking all calls!

## Angola Symposium

Submitted by Michael D. Wynne

The Third Annual Angola Historical Symposium will be held on the grounds of Louisiana State Penitentiary all day on Saturday, November 16, 2002. This year's symposium, entitled "Rollin' On the River; Film Making at Angola" will feature how documentaries and movies are made on the grounds of a maximum-security institution.

Angola has had a long history of movies and documentaries being filmed there, but in recent years, many major films have centered on Louisiana's best-known prison. Movies such as "JFK", "Dead Man Walking", "Out of Sight" and "Monster Ball" have received critical and public acclaim revealing both the seedy side and compassionate side of prison environment. Among the many documentaries filmed at LSP by film companies from around the world, was the Oscar-nominated "The Farm" which nearly won the 2000 Oscar at the Academy Awards for Best Documentary.

The symposium will begin at 9:00 a.m., with an actual scene being filmed on a movie set. At 11:30 a.m., a panel discussion will be held at the David Knapp's Training Academy on the logistics of filming on a prison grounds. Panel participants will feature film crews, movie directors and movie producers. During lunch, film clips will be shown featuring Angola. Live music will be featured. At 1:45 p.m., movie editing will be discussed and actually done before the symposium attendees.

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Noted individual from the film industry who will be attending include actor Bo Svenson (who starred and co-starred in many 60's, 70's and 80's films) and Jonathan Stack, Founder of Gabriel Films. There is no admission charge and registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Prior symposiums have delved in the history of Corrections in Louisiana and the music and musicians that have been associated with Angola.

For further information and brochures, call LSP Museum at 225.655-2592 or see the website at [www.angolamuseum.org](http://www.angolamuseum.org). The Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum Foundation, Louisiana State Penitentiary and the Louisiana Film and Video Commission will sponsor the symposium.

## Hall of Fame Inductee

Submitted by Michael D. Wynne

According to recent news releases, Secretary Richard L. Stalder, will be inducted in the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame Museum at the next annual Induction Ceremonies on January 25, 2003. The Louisiana Political Hall of Fame Museum is a non-profit statewide museum devoted to the preservation and promotion of Louisiana's unique political culture and heritage.

Founded in 1992, the museum complex is housed in what was the original railroad station in the city of Winnfield in the parish of Winn in north central Louisiana. The museum contains not only permanent memorabilia displays of past and present inductees, but also probably the largest and most extensive political archives in the state. Winnfield was chosen as the site of the museum as it was the birthplace of three of Louisiana's governors: Huey P. Long, Earl K. Long and O.K. Allen.

The activities will begin with a private luncheon hosted by State Senator Mike Smith for the honoree, special guests and dignitaries. A media party will be held starting at 4:00 p.m., at the museum located at 499 East Main Street with

the unveiling of a permanent exhibit in the Hall of Fame Gallery of the inductees, including Secretary Stalder.

The function will open to the public at 7:00 p.m., for an informal banquet and will be held in the nearby Louisiana Forestry Pavilion, on the site of the Louisiana Forestry Festival. Aside from Secretary Stalder, other inductees include senior United States Senator John Breaux, United States Congressman Wilbert "Billy" Tauzin, Governor Murphy J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., Iberia Parish Sheriff Charles Fusilier, Former Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives John Alario and former Congressman Robert "Bob" Livingston.

Secretary Stalder's contributions to the state and nation in the field of corrections are noteworthy and innumerable. He started as a correctional officer in the department, becoming Secretary in 1992. He has served and chaired numerous American Correctional Association Committees during his last 20 years association with that organization and served as immediate past president (1998 – 2000). His numerous civic awards include the prestigious Chief Executive Officer Award for Excellence.

Although, the banquet has seating for 500, only a few tickets remain at the time of preparation for this article. Tickets can be purchased through the museum at 318.628-5928.

## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Angola Prison Rodeo, Arts and Crafts Show

Angola Prison Rodeo, Arts and Crafts Show will be winding down on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The gates open at 9:00 a.m., for enjoyment of the band, food, games, pony rides, arts and crafts show. The rodeo excitement starts at 2:00 p.m. For more information visit their website at [www.angolarodeo.com](http://www.angolarodeo.com).

## Employee's Recognition



**D**ixon Correctional Institute (DCI), Elayn Hunt Correctional Center (EHCC), Washington Correctional Institute (WCI), Jetson Correctional Center for Youth (JCCY), and Swanson Correctional Center for Youth (SCCY) at Monroe recognized the following employees for September Third Quarter and Monthly Awards:

**DCI**

Master Sergeant Carey McKnight – Security Officer

**EHCC**

Yvonne Madere – Support  
Trudy Cason-Gautreau - Supervisor  
Master Sergeant Mark Dean - Security Officer

**WCI**

Sheryl Muwwakil - Support  
Master Sergeant Ricco Dipietro – Security Officer  
Captain Darwin Flynn – Supervisor

**JCCY**

Lionel Jolla – Support  
Arlona Morgan – Supervisor  
Barbara Scott – Security Officer

**SCCY**

Ken Durham - Support  
Master Sergeant Rose Boyd - Security Officer  
Captain James Cooper – Supervisor

## Quarterly Recognition

**R**ecipients of Corrections Services - Headquarters Third Quarter Employee Awards were:

**Headquarters**

Clara Cooper – Support  
Sharon Hebert – Supervisor

## Christmas Trimmings

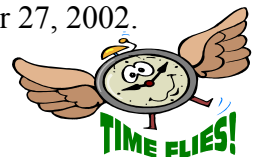
**L**et the Department of Corrections Credit Union (DOCCU) help you trim the tree and complete your Christmas Shopping spree with their seasonal loan products. No matter which option you choose, DOCCU has your holiday financing needs all wrapped up!

**Christmas Loans**

- Payments are \$75.00 bi-weekly
- Fixed rate of 17.9%
- Must have payroll deduction
- Maximum loan amount is \$1500.00
- To apply submit your loan application and a copy of your most recent pay stub to your Unit Representative
- Promotion started October 1, 2002 and ends January 31, 2003.

## Don't Forget.. It's Fall Back Time

**D**aylight Savings Time is coming to an end. So set your clock back one hour for Sunday, October 27, 2002.



## ACA Reaccreditation Audits

**A**merica Correctional Association (ACA) Reaccreditation Audit was successfully completed by C. Paul Phelps Correctional Center (PCC) on October 23, 2002.

PCC received 100% of the mandatory standards and 99.2% of the non-mandatory, but also their "Performance Based Medical" dual audit requirements with 100% of the mandatory standards and 100% of the non-mandatory.